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AMENDMENT**GROUP 3600**

In response to the Examiner's request via a telephone conversation on September 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A marked-up version of the below referenced claims is attached at Appendix A.

IN THE CLAIMS

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20. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim 20 wherein step (e) includes the step of modifying the output signal to disable the occupant restraint system when either the negative occupant presence signal, the negative child seat signal, or the negative seat belt usage signal is generated.

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32. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim 20 wherein step (a) is performed prior to step (b).